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SENATE BILL NO. 389

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MOTOR VEHICLES. Creates "100% DAV" military honor license plate. (8/1/16)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 47:490.30, relative to motor vehicles; to create a military honor license plate
for a veteran who is one hundred percent disabled; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 47:490.30 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**§490.30. Military honor license plates for certain disabled veterans; one
hundred percent disabled**

**A. For the purpose of this Section, a qualified disabled veteran shall be
any veteran who has a service-connected disability of one hundred percent as
determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and who is a
resident of this state.**

**B. Upon the application of a qualified disabled veteran, the secretary
shall issue to such veteran a military honor license plate, restricted to passenger
cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, and vans, to be used in
lieu of the regular motor vehicle registration license plate. The military honor
license plate shall contain the designation "100% DAV" and shall bear the
international symbol of accessibility followed by such numbers as the secretary**

1 finds expedient. The applicant shall comply with all state laws relating to
2 registration and licensing of motor vehicles and shall, at the time of application,
3 present such proof of status as a qualified disabled veteran as shall be
4 acceptable to the secretary.

5 C. No fee shall be charged for the license plates authorized by this
6 Section and such plates shall not be subject to the renewal requirements
7 applicable to standard plates.

8 D. The secretary shall establish such rules and regulations as are
9 necessary to implement the provisions of this Section, including but not limited
10 to rules and regulations governing the transfer and disposition of such license
11 plates.

12 E. The secretary may issue a military honor license plate, as provided for
13 in this Section, for each vehicle registered in the applicant's name, and the
14 holder of such license plate shall be accorded the same privileges as holders of
15 license plates for persons with mobility impairments. The secretary shall also
16 issue a hang tag as provided in R.S. 47:463.4(B)(1), which bears the
17 international symbol of accessibility, to a one hundred percent disabled veteran
18 who has or is issued such a plate and who requests the hang tag. No fee shall be
19 charged for the hang tag, and it shall be exempt from renewal requirements
20 applicable to hang tags issued pursuant to R.S. 47:463.4. However, lost,
21 destroyed, or mutilated hang tags shall be replaced according to the provisions
22 of R.S. 47:463.4(C), including payment of the reissuance fee. A person using the
23 hang tag in a vehicle with a one hundred percent disabled veteran license plate
24 is not required to obtain or possess a mobility impairment driver's license or
25 identification card.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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Present law authorizes the issuance of various military honor license plates.

Proposed law requires the issuance of a military honor license plate to a qualified disabled veteran who has a service-connected disability of 100% as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs and who is a resident of this state. Provides for the plate to contain the designation "100% DAV" and the international symbol of accessibility. Requires issuance of the plate without a fee and without renewal requirements applicable to standard plates. Requires the secretary to establish such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law. Provides for issuance of mobility-impaired hang tags to applicants for military honor license plates. Provides for the disposition of military honor license plates and hang tags.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 47:490.30)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation,
Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Changes designation to "100% DAV".